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It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Ottawa during the meeting of Parliament.

There is reason to hope that the conference may result in a great reduction of the death rate from consumption. The formation of an association with branches throughout the dominion, all the members of which will cooperate in an earnest effort to prevent the spread of this most fatal disease can hardly fail to be productive of some good. The idea of enlisting the support of the life assurance companies and the fraternal societies is a happy one. If the life-assurance companies could succeed in reducing the death rate from consumption their profits would be considerably increased.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. BITTINGER,
Consul-General.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

Smallpox in Ontario.

ORILLIA, ONTARIO, *March 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the existence of smallpox in various parts of this district and adjoining territory. On or about February 10 a man was taken with the smallpox in one of the hotels at Sudbury. Particulars are difficult to obtain, but it seemed this man avoided the authorities and went to Ottawa on the Canada Pacific Railway. From this case numerous cases have developed, of which a dozen or more are at Sudbury, and one or more at nearly all the smaller stations between North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. There are 2 cases at Bracebridge, 45 miles north of this place, 4 cases or more at Toronto, 85 miles south. There is 1 case at Penetanguishene, 30 miles west, and 1 case in Orillia. According to reports from persons recently returned from the north shore of the Georgian Bay, the disease is prevalent in many of the camps of the lumbermen in that district. As there are 70 camps of lumbermen on the Georgian Bay there is a possibility that the disease may become epidemic when the woodsmen break camp, which will be in the immediate future. This is, of course, providing the reports of its prevalence are not greatly exaggerated. The camps are not easily accessible, and reports can not readily be verified. According to newspaper reports the provincial health authorities propose to establish a camp at or near Sudbury for the detention and quarantine of all these persons who may have been exposed to the disease. Compulsory vaccination, with certain conditions, prevails in some localities, but it is not all general throughout the Province.

Respectfully,

E. A. WAKEFIELD,
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